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The possibility of the deflection of accelerated particle beams passing through bent single crystals using the channeling process was theoretically predicted by Tsyganov in 1976.¹ This phenomenon was observed for the first time in an experiment with the proton beam extracted from JINR synchrophasotron at 8.4 GeV.² The existence of this phenomenon was later confirmed at the CERN,³ Leningrad,⁴ and Fermilab⁵ accelerators.

Potential applications for the phenomena of charged particles deflection by means of a bent single crystal were discussed by Koshkarev⁶ and Carrigan.⁷ In particular, the use of a bent single crystal for extraction of particle beams from accelerators was suggested by Koshkarev.⁶

In this paper we report proton beam extraction from the JINR synchrophasotron by means of a bent single crystal.

The proton beam was extracted into an existing channel located on the outside of the accelerator ring in the region of the second straight section. To ensure the capture of particles in the channel it was necessary to deflect charged protons from the region of the first straight section by an angle of approximately 35 mrad. This deflection was performed by the bent crystal.

As a deflector we used a plate of silicon single crystal measuring $11 \times 10 \times 0.4$ mm³ cut in such a way that the crystallographic plane (111) was parallel to the large side of the crystal with an error in angle not exceeding 15 minutes. To ensure control of the bending and initial positioning of the crystal, the external large side of the crystal was polished to a mirror surface to reflect a laser beam. The silicon plate was glued with epoxy resin to the holder, which had a cylindrical frontal surface. The holder, made of duraluminum, was mounted on a goniometer, which was attached to the rod of a stationary target. The goniometer provided a mechanism for turning the crystal around a vertical axis. The goniometer was remotely controlled. The minimum angular step was approximately 40 microradians. The deflector was placed in a fixed position at various distances from the wall of the accelerator vacuum chamber. Aiming of the accelerated protons onto the detector was accomplished by decreasing the equilibrium radius of the internal beam.

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After being bent by the crystal deflector, the beam traveled in the required direction down the existing channel after passing through the magnetic field of one quadrant of the accelerator. Extraction was performed for three values of the accelerator magnetic field: 6.0 kG; 8.4 kG and 10 kG. These fields are equivalent to kinetic energies of the accelerated beam of 4.2 GeV; 6.0 GeV and 7.5 GeV.

The extracted beam was monitored with three scintillator detectors S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 . Detector S_1 (measuring 300 mm horizontally and 150 mm vertically) was positioned in the S_1 accelerator chamber and aligned with the direction of extraction. Readings from this detector were taken by a current integrator. Detector S_2 (measuring 300×300 mm²) was positioned in the head section of the extraction S_2 channel behind the first lens, and registered the extracted beam. Detector S_3 (measuring 10×100 mm²) was located in the experiment hall.

In the course of the experiment we investigated the dependence of the intensity of the beam counted by detectors S_1 , S_2 , and S_3 on the angular position of the bent silicon single crystal.

Figure 2 shows the orientation dependences for three positions of the crystal - at distances of 300, 250, and 200 mm from the center of the accelerator chamber at a beam energy 4.2 GeV.

It can be seen that when the crystal is closer to the central equilibrium orbit, the intensity of the beam at the location of detector S_2 increases. This is explained by the fact that at a radial position of minus 300 mm (that is, further away from the central orbit) particles deflected by the crystal do not get into the exit branch of the channel (Fig. 2a). In all the figures, the orientation dependences are given for 10^{10} protons onto the target-deflector.

Figure 3 shows orientational dependences at radial target position of minus 175 mm for two different energies of the accelerated beam - 6.0 and 7.5 GeV.

The widths of the orientation peaks are determined by the beam angular dispersion in the accelerator and, possibly, by the bent crystal surface deviation from cylindrical. The decrease in the width of the peaks that occurs as the energy increases can be explained by changes in the angular characteristics of the particle beam hitting the crystal, which may depend on the beam-aiming conditions.

Figure 3a shows the dependences of the extracted beam intensity on the crystal orientation immediately after the exit from the accelerator chamber and in the experimental hall.

The shift in the orientation curves shows a discrepancy between the axis of the extracted beam and the axis of the channel head section. This, apparently, explains the substantial loss of intensity in the channel. These drawbacks can be eliminated by more accurate adjustment of the channel elements.

The existing channel is designed for energies up to 6.0 GeV maximum. This made it impossible to extract a beam with an energy of 7.5 GeV to the experiment hall.

These results demonstrate the possibility of extracting accelerated particle beams by means of a bent crystal.

The effective beam extracted by the crystal deflector in this case was equal to 10^{-4} and was determined in general by the geometries of the beam and the crystal. This effectiveness can be substantially increased by increasing the transverse size of the crystal deflector.

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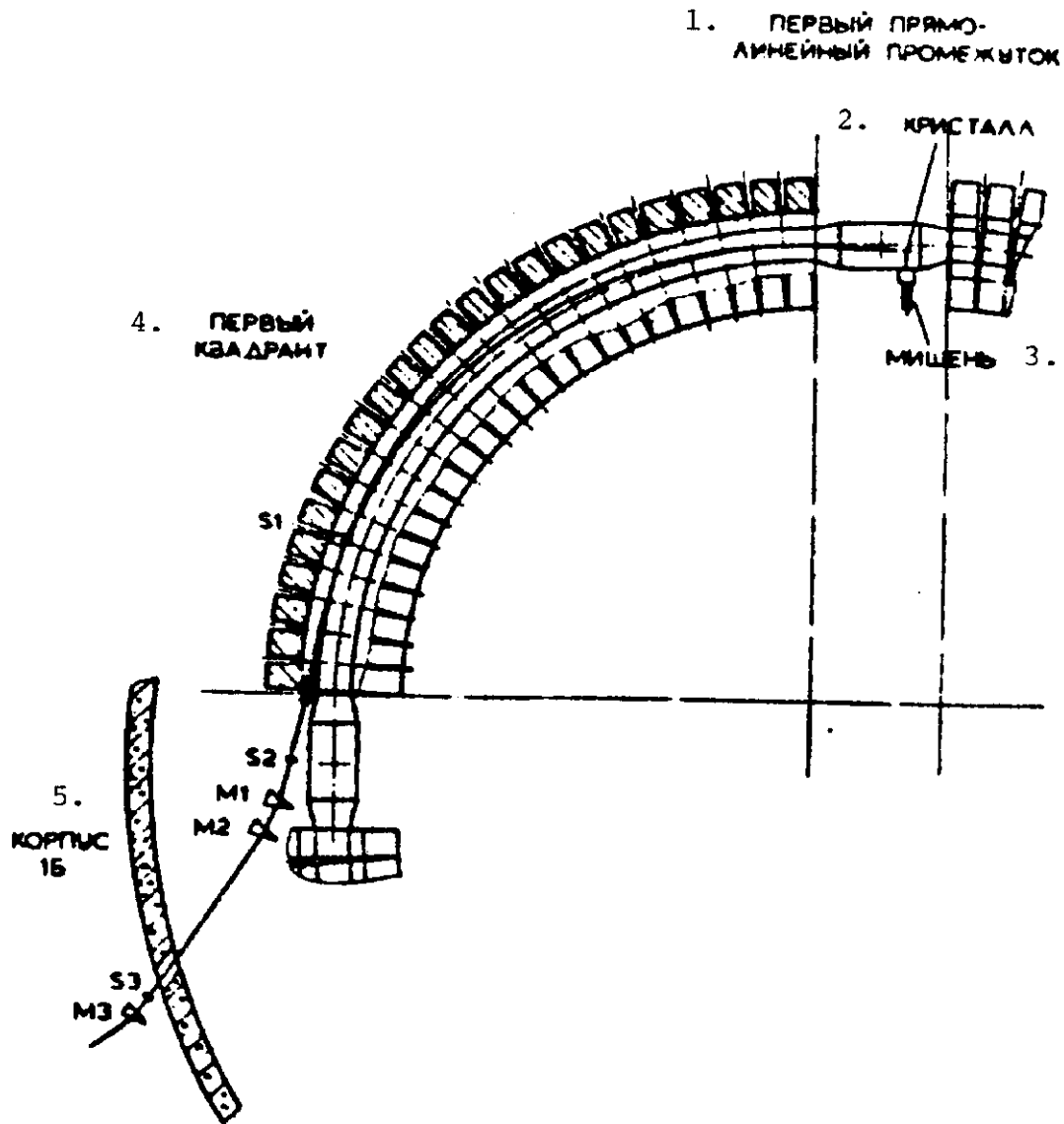
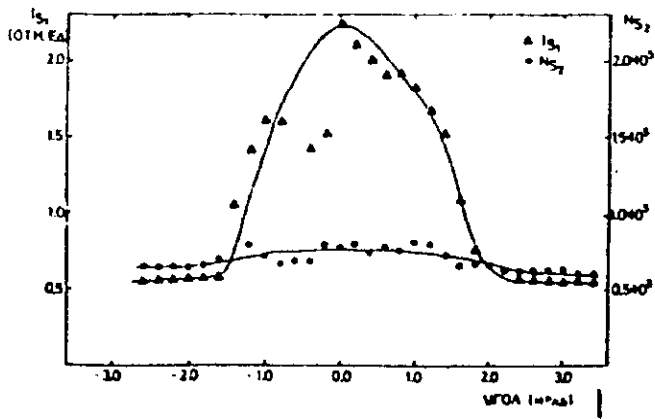
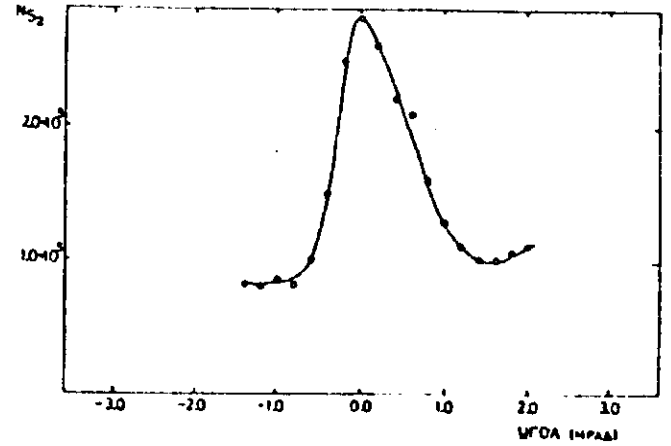


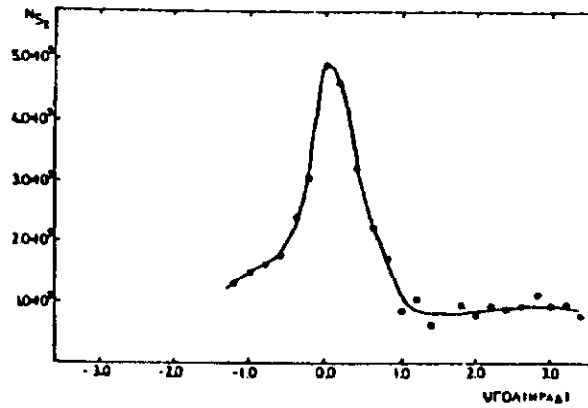
Fig. 1 shows the schematic layout of the experiment.
 1- first straight section
 2- crystal; 3- target; 4- first quadrant;
 5- experimental hall



2a



2b



2c

Fig. 2. Dependence of the extracted beam intensity on crystal orientation at 4.2 GeV for various radial positions of the crystal deflector: a) -300 mm/ I_{S1} is the integrated current from detector S_1 ; b) -250 mm; c) -200 mm. The ordinates represent S_2 singles rates per spill. On figure 2a an integrated current per spill in S_1 in arbitrary units is also shown on the left hand axis. The horizontal axis is the angle between the crystal and the accelerator beam and ranges from -3 to +3 milliradians. The background is due to secondary radiation. The vertical axes in figures b and c are in units of 10^5 .

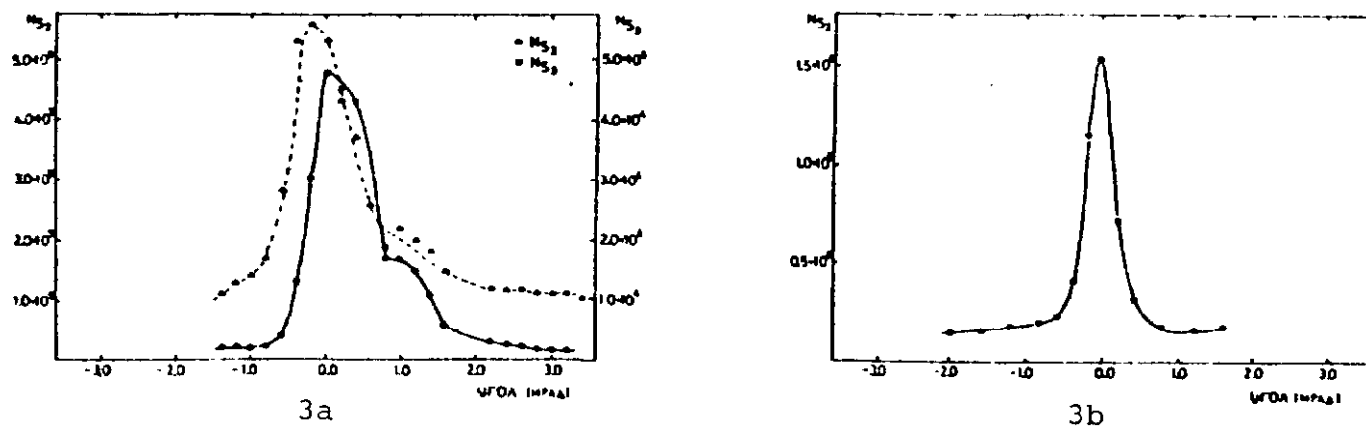


Fig. 3. Dependence of extracted beam intensity on crystal orientation for 6.0 GeV and 7.5 GeV at a crystal radial position of -175 mm. a) for an energy of 6.0 GeV; b) for an energy of 7.5 GeV. The horizontal axis is the same as Fig. 2. The background is due to secondary radiation. The left hand axes are S_2 in units of 10^5 .